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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 23rd November 1955

No. 79(1)-T.B./55.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report (1955) on the Piston Assembly (Pistons, Piston Rings and Gudgeon Pins) Industry on the basis of an inquiry conducted by it under Section 11 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) Protection should be granted to the Piston Assembly industry till 31st December, 1957, by levying a duty of 50 per cent. *ad valorem* standard on trunk piston assemblies of 6" diameter and below and piston rings and gudgeon pins required for such piston assemblies imported separately, the preferential rate of duty being fixed in accordance with the India-U.K. Trade Agreement.
- (2) Indian Standards Institution should endeavour to finalise standard specifications for pistons, piston rings and gudgeon pins as early as possible.
- (3) Government should make arrangements with the Collectors of Customs, and the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics to record the imports of trunk piston assemblies (pistons, piston rings and gudgeon pins) and the component parts thereof separately under the following categories:—
 - (a) Trunk piston assemblies of diameter (i) of 6" and below, and (ii) above 6".
 - (b) Trunk pistons of diameter (i) of 6" and below and (ii) above 6".

- (c) Trunk piston rings, excluding chromium plated rings, of diameter (i) of 6" and below (ii) above 6".
- (d) Gudgeon pins for trunk pistons of diameter (i) of 6" and below (ii) above 6".
- (4) Government should make arrangements for the periodical testing of the quality of indigenous pistons, piston rings and gudgeon pins.
- (5) So long as import control is maintained for balance of payments considerations, Government should regulate imports of trunk pistons of diameter of 6" and below and trunk piston rings and gudgeon pins required for such trunk pistons so as to ensure that only such quantities will be allowed to be imported as are necessary to bridge the gap between the estimated domestic demand for various types and specifications and the indigenous production of such types and specifications.
- (6) Imports of pistons, piston rings and gudgeon pins of types and specifications which are not included in the present or proposed manufacturing programme of India Pistons Ltd., or are required for engines which were manufactured before 1938, should be allowed until India Pistons Ltd., begin to manufacture them.
- (7) India Pistons Ltd., should complete their negotiations with Aluminium Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Calcutta, and start using indigenous aluminium castings as early as possible.
- (8) India Pistons Ltd., should forward samples of their pistons, piston rings and gudgeon pins to the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, for having them tested thoroughly.
- (9) The domestic industry should be required to charge selling prices in fair relation to its costs, to diversify its production so as to meet the requirements of domestic consumers to the widest possible extent and to begin the use of indigenous aluminium castings as early as possible.
- (10) The manufacturers of piston assembly, pistons, piston rings and gudgeon pins should also adopt the practice usually followed in foreign countries of supplying their products for use as original equipment at concessional prices.
- (11) The indigenous manufacturers of pistons, piston rings and gudgeon pins should set up an adequate sales organisation so as to enable the consumers in different parts of the country to obtain their requirements and should also maintain adequate stocks of the various types and specifications of pistons, piston rings and gudgeon pins required by the consumers.

2. Government accept recommendation (1). The protective duty recommended is being brought into force with immediate effect. Necessary legislation will also be introduced in due course.

3. Government also accept recommendations (2) to (4) and will take suitable steps to implement them as far as possible.

4. Government have taken note of recommendations (5) and (6) and these as also other relevant considerations will be taken into account while framing the import control policy from time to time.

5. The attention of the Industry is invited to recommendations (7) to (11).

NOTIFICATION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 23rd November, 1955

No. 79(1)-T.B./55.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934), as in force in India and as applied to the State of Pondicherry, the Central Government hereby directs that with immediate effect there shall be levied on the articles specified in column (1) of the Table hereto annexed, when imported into India or the said State, a duty of customs of such amount as is specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof.

TABLE

| Name of Article | Amount of duty of customs [inclusive of the duty chargeable under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934, and any additional duty leviable under any other law for the time being in force.] |
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| 1 | 2 |
| The following articles adapted for use as parts and accessories of internal combustion engines of all kinds other than those dutiable under item Nos. 72 (30), 75 (10) (1) and 76 :— | |
| Trunk piston assembly of diameter 6" and below; trunk pistons of diameter 6" and below; trunk piston rings (excluding chromium plated rings) of diameter 6" and below, and gudgeon pins for trunk pistons of diameter 6" and below. | 50% <i>ad valorem</i> |

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